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Response to Office Action mailed August 8, 2006

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of applicant's claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Forms PTO/SB/08B filed on September 14, 2005 and October 24, 2005, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6, drawn to a method for preparing a sample to extract RNA used in a tumor marker detecting method for diagnosing colon cancer;

Group II. Claim 5, drawn to a tumor marker detecting method for diagnosis of colon cancer;

Group III. Claims 7 to 10 and 12, drawn to a kit for preparing a sample to extract RNA used in a tumor marker detecting method for diagnosing colon cancer; and

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Group IV. Claim 11, drawn to a tumor marker detecting
kit for diagnosing colon cancer.

In reply to the third sentence on page 2 of the Office
Action, a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT was filed on August 14, 2006 to
amend claim 3. Claim 3 depends on claim 1 and should be examined
with Group I.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 4 and 6).

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the
undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt
action.

Respectfully submitted,

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